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# CRICKHOWELL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

1969

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**for the Year 1969.**

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To the CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS of the  
CRICKHOWELL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Madam Chairman, and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the Public Health in the Crickhowell Rural District during the year 1969.

In this report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding Public Health and Preventive Medicine, and I have included comments on the subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/70 (Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

I wish to tender my thanks to the Members of the Council for their helpful consideration and co-operation in all matters affecting Public Health. Also the Officers of the Council for their help in all matters appertaining to the duties of the Public Health Department.

I am,

Madam Chairman and Members,

Your Obedient Servant,

**J. K. JONES,**

L.M.S.S.A., D.P.H., F.R.S.H.

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area of District	...	...	...	...	...	46,140 acres
Population (estimated) Mid 1969	...	...	...	...	...	8290
Population per acre	...	...	...	...	...	5.8
Rateable value as at 1st April, 1969	...	...	...	...	...	£175,633
Number of Live Births	...	...	...	...	...	108
Birth Rate per 1000 inhabitants, crude	...	...	...	...	...	13.0
Number of Still Births	...	...	...	...	...	3
Stillbirth rate per 1000 total births	...	...	...	...	...	27.0
Number of Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	98
Death rate per 1000 inhabitants, crude	...	...	...	...	...	11.8
Number of Infant Deaths (under 1 year)	...	...	...	...	...	4
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births	...	...	...	...	...	37.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate	...	...	...	...	...	45.0
Number of Infectious Diseases notified	...	...	...	...	...	13
Infectious Diseases—Attack rate per 1000 inhabitants	...	...	...	...	...	1.6

### Tuberculosis :—

Cases notified	...	...	...	...	...	0
Attack rate per 1000 inhabitants	...	...	...	...	...	0
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	0
Death rate per 1000 inhabitants	...	...	...	...	...	0

Crickhowell is a large District in South Breconshire mainly mountainous in character, with an acreage of 46,140 acres.

The District is divided into eight Parishes: Crickhowell, Cwmdru, Llanbedr, Llanelly, Llangattock, Llangenny, Llangynidr and Partrishow, which are mainly agricultural where the workers are employed in farm work, forestry and quarrying.

The District also supplies labour to the Elvicta Handtools Factory in Crickhowell, British Nylon Spinners Ltd., Pontypool, Richard Thomas & Baldwins Ltd., Steelworks, Ebbw Vale and The Glascoed Ordnance Factory, Usk.

The re-housing of families from unfit dwellings continues together with applicants from the ordinary lists in cases of hardship, illness and overcrowding.

Tenants are selected with the assistance of a Points Scheme adopted by the Council so as to allocate houses to families in the greatest need, conditions of existing accommodation, overcrowding and health circumstances, all rating for "points awards."

When Council houses are allocated to applicants their old houses are inspected with a view to their future use being considered. These houses, if they are unfit for human habitation and cannot be repaired at reasonable expense, are then covered by a Demolition or Closing Order.



## HOUSING — DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS.

	1969	1968
Unfit dwellings added to the "unfit" list during the year 1969	...	4
Unfit houses closed or demolished under the Housing Act, 1957, in the year 1969	...	6
Number of applicants remaining on the Council's list 31/12/1969	150	150
Number of Applicants for Council Houses on 1/1/1969	150	145
Total number of post-war Council Houses 1/1/1968	520	505
Number of Council Houses completed during the year 1969	15	0
Number of Council Houses under construction during the year 1969	...	0
Number of Private Houses completed during the year 1969	21	75

The health of the district during the year has been good.

There were 4 cases of Food Poisoning and 5 cases of Dysentery notified during the year. Inspections have been carried out from time to time of various food handling shops, bake-houses, licensed premises and shops selling ice-cream in accordance with the Regulations. Minor defects have been pointed out and corrected. It has not been necessary to take any legal proceedings under the Food and Drugs Act, the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955, or under the Office, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

## STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

### Population :

Census 1931	...	7157
Census 1951	...	7684
Census 1961	...	7483
Mid Year Estimate 1968	...	8260

The Registrar General's mid-year estimated population for each of the last ten years are shown below :

1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
7990	7590	7620	7680	7880	7940	8130	8140	8260	8290

**Acreage** ... 46,140 acres

**Rateable Value as at 1st April, 1969 :** ... £175,633

**Product of a Penny Rate :** Actual 1968/69 ... £682 4s 11d.  
1969/70 ... £671 4s. 3d.

**Rate in the Pound :** 1968/69 ... 14/2d.  
1969/70 ... 14/0d.

**Water Rate.** 2/- in the pound with a minimum of £1 10s. 0d. p.a.

**Total number of Domestic Dwellings** ... 2721

**Number of Council Houses in the Domestic Dwelling figures** 520



## BIRTHS.

BIRTHS	CRICKHOWELL R.D.C.			B C.C.	National Average
	Male	Female	Total		
Live Births : Legitimate ...	50	49	99	680	
Live Births : Illegitimate ...	3	6	9	35	
Total Live Births ...	53	55	108	715	
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births ...			8.0	4.9	
Registrar General's Compara- bility Factor ...			1.10	1.11	
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Pop. (crude) ...			13.0	13.0	
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Pop. (corr.) ...			<b>14.3</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>16.3</b>
Still Births : Legitimate ...	3	0	3	9	
Still Births : Illegitimate ...	0	0	0	1	
Total : Still Births ...	3	0	3	10	
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births ...			<b>27.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>
Total Live and Still Births ...			111	725	

The corrected Live Birth rate of 14.3 was below the National average of 16.3 per 1,000 population but well above the Local Death rate of 11.9 per 1,000 population.

The Still Birth rate of 27.0 was over double the National average of 13.0 per 1,000 total Births.

Corrected Live Birth rates for the past five years as shown below :

	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Crickhowell R.D.C. ...	18.6	18.1	16.1	19.6	14.3
National Average ...	18.1	17.7	17.2	16.9	16.3

## DEATHS.

DEATHS	CRICKHOWELL R.D.C.			B.C.C.	National Average
	Male	Female	Total		
Total Deaths (all causes) ...	58	40	98	764	
Death Rate per 1,000 Pop. (crude) ...			11.8	13.9	
Registrar Comparability Factor			1.01	0.91	
Death Reat per 1,000 Pop. (corrected) ...			11.9	12.6	11.9
CANCER DEATHS					
Cancer Deaths (all forms) ...	3	6	9	111	
Cancer Deaths Rate per 1,000 Pop. ...			1.09	2.02	
MATERNAL MORTALITY					
Maternal Deaths (including Abortion) ...			NIL	NIL	
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births ...			NIL	NIL	

The corrected Local Death rate of 11.9 was exactly equal to the National average of 11.9 per 1,000 population but well below the Local Birth rate of 14.3 per 1,000 population.

The corrected Death rates for the past five years are shown below :

	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Crickhowell R.D.C. ...	11.0	11.2	9.8	14.0	11.9
National Average ...	11.5	11.7	11.8	11.9	11.9

## DEATHS FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS.

There were 14 Cancer deaths giving a rate per 100,000 population of 169 compared with the County rate of 202.

The rates by specific site are shown below :—

SITE		Rate per 100,000 Population	National Average 1966
Lungs, Bronchus	...	60	39
Stomach	...	24	27
Intestine	...	12	19
Oesophagus	...	0	6
Buccol Cavity	...	12	3
Breast	...	24	40
Uterus	...	0	16
Prostate	...	0	17
Leukaemia	...	0	6
All other Malignant Neoplasms		116	—

Deaths from Cancer of the Lung and Cancer of the Buccol Cavity were above the National rates for 1966.

## MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were no deaths from Maternal causes, including abortions.

DEATHS		CRICKHOWELL R.D.C.		B.C.C.	National Average
		Male	Female	Total	
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age :					
Legitimate	...	1	3	4	15
Illegitimate	...	0	0	0	1
Total	...	1	3	4	16
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births (total)				<b>37.0</b>	<b>22.4</b> <b>18.0</b>
Legitimate	...			37.0	21.0
Illegitimate	..			0	1.4
NEONATAL MORTALITY—					
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age :					
Legitimate	...	1	1	2	9
Illegitimate	...	0	0	0	0
Total	...	1	1	2	9
Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births				<b>19.0</b>	<b>12.7</b> <b>12.0</b>
EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY—					
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age :					
Legitimate	...	1	1	2	8
Illegitimate	...	0	0	0	0
Total	...	1	1	2	8
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births				<b>19.0</b>	<b>11.2</b> <b>10.0</b>
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE—					
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age plus number of Still Births				5	18
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births				<b>45.0</b>	<b>24.8</b> <b>23.0</b>

There were 4 Infant deaths in 1969, giving an Infant Mortality rate of 37.0 as compared with the National average of 18.0 per 1,000 total Live Births.

There were 3 Stillbirths in 1969. The Perinatal Mortality rate was 45.0 as compared with the National average of 23.0 per 1,000 total Live Births.

**CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS.**

- 1. Prematurity.
- 2. Infantile Broncho Pneumonia.
- 3. Septicaemia Virus Laryngo-Bronchitis.
- 4. Infra-Partum Anoxia Foetal Abnormality.

**CAUSES OF STILL BIRTHS.**

- 1. Placental Insufficiency;  
Massive Ante Partum Haemorrhage;  
Placenta Praevia.
- 2. Anencephaly.
- 3. Intra Uterine Death;  
Macerated Foetus.

The Infant Mortality Rates and Perinatal Mortality Rates for the past five years are shown below, and compared with the National Average :

INFANT MORTALITY—				1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Crickhowell R.D.C.	...	...		7.5	20.8	8.5	6.8	37.0
National Average	...	...		19.0	19.0	18.3	18.0	18.0
PERINATAL MORTALITY—				1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Crickhowell R.D.C.	...	...		22.1	34.0	41.0	26.7	45.0
National Average	...	...		26.9	26.3	25.4	25.0	23.0

## CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc. ...	1	0	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ...	0	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine ...	1	0	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	4	1	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...	0	2	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms ...	2	1	3
Diabetes Mellitus ...	1	0	1
Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases ...	0	2	2
Anaemias ...	1	0	1
Other Diseases of Blood, Etc. ...	1	0	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ...	1	0	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease ...	14	10	24
Other Forms of Heart Disease ...	4	0	4
Cerebrovascular Disease ...	2	15	17
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ...	5	0	5
Influenza ...	2	0	2
Pneumonia ...	3	1	4
Bronchitis and Emphysema ...	8	0	8
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	1	1	2
Appendicitis ...	1	0	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System ...	1	0	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System ...	0	1	1
Congenital Anomalies ...	1	0	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality ...	0	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	0	1	1
All Other Accidents ...	1	1	2
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries ...	1	0	1
All Other External Causes ...	2	1	3
Total : All Causes ...	58	40	98

The main causes of death are shown below and the death rates compared with the National average for 1966.

### CRUDE DEATH RATES PER 100,000 FROM CERTAIN CAUSES.

	Crickhowell R.D.C.	National Average 1966
Ischaemic Heart Disease ...	289	235
Cerebro-Vascular Disease ...	205	164
Malignant Neoplasms ...	169	225
Pneumonia and Bronchitis ...	145	70
Other Diseases of Circulation ...	60	—
Other Heart Diseases ...	48	32



# NUMBER OF DEATHS IN SEX-AGE GROUPS.

Ages at Death	Male	Female	Total	Percentage of Total
0 — 1 year	... 1	3	4	4.1
1 — 4 years	... 0	0	0	—
5 — 14 years	... 0	0	0	—
15 — 24 years	... 1	0	1	1.0
25 — 34 years	... 2	0	2	2.0
35 — 44 years	... 3	3	6	6.2
45 — 54 years	... 3	0	3	3.1
55 — 64 years	... 8	3	11	11.3
65 — 74 years	... 16	11	27	27.4
75 years and over	... 24	20	44	44.9
	—	—	—	—
	58	40	98	100.0
	—	—	—	—

72% of the deaths occurred at age 65 years and over.

# INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

## NOTIFICATIONS.

The following cases, other than Tuberculosis, were notified during 1969 :

Diseases.	Number of Cases.
Dysentery ... ..	5
Food Poisoning ... ..	4
Measles ... ..	3
Scarlet Fever ... ..	1

## TUBERCULOSIS.

Cases on Register at 1st January, 1969 ... ..	21
New Notifications during 1969 ... ..	0
Removals during 1969 ... ..	3
Cases on Register at 31st December, 1969 ... ..	18

There was one Death from Respiratory Tuberculosis during 1968. Male aged 62 years.

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936. S.172.

No action was taken under this section which deals with the removal to Hospital by the Local Authority of infectious persons suffering from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory tract.

## PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS

No action was taken under these Regulations in respect of persons suffering from Tuberculosis, employed in the Milk trade.

## B.C.G. VACCINATION AND TUBERCULIN SERIAL TESTING OF CHILDREN.

This is carried out by the Medical Staff of the County Health Department.

## FOOD POISONING.

There were 4 cases of Suspected Food Poisoning notified during the year. None were confirmed bacteriologically.

## DYSENTERY.

There were 5 cases of Sonnei Dysentery notified during the year.

## TYPHOID AND PARATYPHOID.

No cases of Typhoid or Paratyphoid were notified during 1969.

## VENEREAL DISEASES.

There were no cases notified during the year.

The County Council has an agreement with the Regional Hospital Board for the treatment of these cases. There are no treatment centres in the area and patients attend at Swansea Mount Pleasant Hospital, Hereford County Hospital, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, and Moira Terrace, Cardiff. The tracing of contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council.

## **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, S.47.**

No action was taken by the Council under S.47 of the above Act which provides for the removal to suitable premises of persons who :—

- (a) are suffering from grave chronic disease, or, being aged, or physically incapacitated, or living in insanitary conditions, and
- (b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE.**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.**

Mr. R. A. Jackson remained as the Public Health Inspector.

### **LABORATORY FACILITIES.**

During the year facilities were available at the Public Health Laboratories at Newport.

All Water samples were sent to the Public Health Laboratories at Newport, and Milk samples were dealt with at Carmarthen and Newport.

Any investigations required in the control of Infectious Diseases were carried out at the Public Health Laboratory in Newport.

### **COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES.**

#### **HEALTH SERVICES.**

The County Council are responsible for the following services in the Area.

1. Provision of Health Centres.
2. Care of Mothers and Young Children.
3. Midwifery Services.
4. Health Visiting and Health Education.
5. Home Nursing.
6. Vaccination and Immunisation.
7. Ambulance and Sitting Car Service.
8. Prevention and Illness, Care of After-Care.
9. Domestic Help Service.

The following Clinics are held in the area :—

Child Welfare Clinics.

Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and Measles.

Relaxation Clinics for Expectant Mothers.

Dental Clinics for Expectant Mothers and Children.

Supply of Welfare Foods.

Orthopaedic Clinics.

Chiropody Clinics.

Cervical Cytology Clinics.

## **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

### **PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER.**

Miss Gwen Morgan remained as the Psychiatric Social Worker for the Area.

### **MENTAL WELFARE OFFICER.**

Mr. T. V. Rees remained as the Mental Welfare Officer for the Area.

## **WELFARE SERVICES.**

The County Council is responsible for the following services in the Area :—

1. Provision of Homes for the Aged.
2. Provision of Temporary Accommodation.
3. Registration & Provision of Services for Handicapped Persons.
4. Contributions to Old People's Organisations.
5. Temporary Protection of Property.
6. Meals on Wheels Service.
7. Provision of Grants towards Special Housing for the Elderly.
8. Welfare of the Blind and Partially-Sighted.
9. Welfare for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

## **HOSPITALS.**

Hospital facilities are available at the Crickhowell Cottage Hospital and the Abergavenny and Newport Hospitals.

## **INFECTIOUS DISEASES, HOSPITAL.**

Cases are admitted to the Alt-yr-In Isolation Hospital, Newport.

## **SMALLPOX HOSPITALS.**

Arrangements have been made for Smallpox cases to be admitted to Penrhys Hospital and for Consultants to be called in to suspected cases. On diagnosing a case the Consultant will be responsible for arranging for Penrhys Hospital to be ready and staffed to receive the patient. The patient will be removed by County Council under their Ambulance scheme made under S.27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

# SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

## 1. WATER SUPPLIES.

The South-East Breconshire Water Board are responsible for the public water supplies in this Council's area.

The Council's area has a piped water supply to all centres of population served mainly from local springs harnessed to small local reservoirs. The supplies to Llangenny, Glangrwyney, Crickhowell (part), Gilwern (part) and Blackrock are chlorinated. These are now sampled regularly by the Water Board, but, as in the past, bacteriological results vary considerably due to the catchment areas frequently being unfenced agricultural ground. However, The Water Board have now commenced their comprehensive scheme to harness their three main sources to a large grid distribution system that will supply adequate and pure water to all areas, and so dispense with the present local springs which can be doubtful and poor in yield.

### BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER SAMPLES.

#### Public Supplies.

Supply		Satisfactory	Contamination Slight	Contamination Heavy
Clydach (Blackrock)	...	1	0	0
*Clydach (Main Road)	...	1	0	0
*Crickhowell (Ffynnonau)	...	3	0	0
*Crickhowell (Wern)	...	2	0	0
Cwmdu	...	1	0	0
Tretower	...	1	0	0
Llangattock (Tyle)	...	1	0	0
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		10	0	0

\*Denotes a chlorinated supply.

<b>Private Supplies</b>	...	5	4	3
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The reports on samples of water from the public supplies are forwarded to the South-East Breconshire Water Board for their information and action.

### ESTIMATED POPULATION SUPPLIED BY A PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY.

Estimated total (Reg. Gen. estimate for 1969)	...	8290
This figure includes 300 for Cwrt-y-gollen Camp.		
Estimated population supplied into the house	...	7222
This figure includes 300 for Cwrt-y-gollen Camp.		
Estimated population supplied by standpipes	...	15
Estimated total population supplied	...	7237
This figure includes 300 for Cwrt-y-gollen Camp.		
Estimated population with a public piped water supply		1053



Parish		Estimated Population Supplied		
		Estimated Total Population	Piped Supply	Standpipe Total
Crickhowell	...	1540	1483	0
Cwmdu	...	728	402	11
Llanbedr	...	232	59	0
Llangynidr	...	542	456	0
Llangattock	...	919	784	0
Llangenny	...	662	594	0
Llanelly	...	3599	3444	4
Partrishow	...	68	0	0
		—	—	—
Totals	...	8290	7222	15
				7237

\*Includes 300 for Cwrt-y-gollen Camp.

## 2. RODENT CONTROL.

A full-time Rodent Operator is employed by the Council and he has carried out the following treatments during the year :—

Private Dwellings	...	...	...	405
Business Premises	...	...	...	23
Schools	...	...	...	5
Sewerage Systems	...	...	...	Regular Treatment
Refuse Tips	...	...	...	Regular Treatment
Brooks in Villages	...	...	...	Regular Treatment
Farms in the area surveyed and treated.				

The Report of treatments carried out has been forward to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

In spite of farm surveys, and the offer of treatment under Contract, the response has been poor and only 14 farms were continually under contract.

Contracts have also been signed for Cwrt-y-gollen Military Camp, Tymawr School, Tymawr Farm and Elvicta Handtools Factory.



### **3. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.**

With the completion of the Llangynidr and Bwlch Sewerage System the whole of the Council's area, considered technically suitable and economical, has been provided with a sewerage system with the exception of Cwmdu, Tretower and Glangrwyney.

The Tretower proposals, submitted in principle to the Ministry, has still not received approval due to the high total cost of the scheme related to the small number of properties involved.

#### **The Bwlch and Llangynidr Sewerage System.**

These works have commenced operation with very few teething troubles, including the three pumping stations, two rising mains, two canal crossings and one river crossing. The treatment works is operating satisfactorily and, with good maintenance and attention, presents a pleasing appearance.

#### **The Aberbaden Sewerage Treatment Works.**

These works, accepting sewerage from Gilwern, Clydach and Govilon operates satisfactorily although samples give only a borderline result. The reason is not known, for maintenance could not be more regular or thorough. Investigations continue.

Abergavenny R.D.C. are desirous of continuing development at Govilon, and investigation is underway to ascertain whether it is necessary to further extend these works to accommodate this additional development.

#### **Crickhowell and Llangattock Sewerage System.**

Proposals to extend these works to accommodate future development are still being actively planned, and, in the meantime, additional maintenance is being given to ensure the standard of effluent is as high as possible.

Work is progressing rapidly and satisfactorily on the installation of an automatic pump on the Garn to deal with sewage in the floodable area following the construction of the Flood Bank.

#### **Other Systems.**

Llanbedr system and the five housing estate systems have operated satisfactorily, although samples of the Llanbedr effluent continue to indicate that insufficient sewage is entering the works. However, the connection of new and improved dwellings to the system should improve conditions.

### **SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS.**

Regular maintenance and sludge removal, by pumping with the Wickham Towed Diesel Pump, has been carried out at the treatment plants situated at the following Housing Estates :—

Penallt, Penllwyn, St. Michael's Close, and also the Village of Llanbedr.

The treatment plants at Glangrwyney and Llangenny are pumped out and the sludge taken away by Contractor's Tanker at three monthly intervals. This was arranged to prevent smell nuisance to occupiers of houses in the locality.

Daily maintenance has been given to the two larger public sewage works at Crickhowell and Gilwern and to the eleven electrically operated sewage pumps in the area.

The pumps have been given regular inspection by the Insurance Company Inspectors and their reports have been satisfactory.

#### **4. PUBLIC CLEANSING — REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL.**

Refuse collection has satisfactorily continued over the increased round inaugurated in 1968 with the two 20 cubic yard Shelvoke and Drewry refuse vehicles.

Over the year the two vehicles travelled some 15,000 miles and removed 2,900 tons (or 23,000 cubic yards) of refuse to the two refuse tips at Crickhowell and Gilwern.

In July 1969 the Council discontinued the use of the Gilwern refuse tip for daily tipping in view of the serious hazard to traffic on the Heads of the Valleys road caused by smoke. Refuse is now taken, from that area, to the Abergavenny Borough Refuse Tip at Llanfoist at a charge of 10/- per load. The co-operation of the Abergavenny Borough Council in this matter has been greatly appreciated.

The above problem highlights the advantage of the proposed joint scheme with Abergavenny Borough and Rural District Councils to construct a Refuse Pulveriser, and it is to be hoped that investigations into this project will be enthusiastically pursued by all concerned.

The regular treatment of the tip faces with an insecticide powder, applied by a "blower" continues to give an excellent result in the reduction of any fly or wasp nuisance.

Continuous control of rat infestation is carried out at both Tips.

The 1969 Anti-Litter Campaign was again supported by the Council by the display and issue of anti-litter posters to shops, hotel and schools and the stationing of more litter baskets and bins in the area.

## 5. FOODS AND DRUGS.

### Food Condemned and Voluntarily Surrendered.

The following goods were, on inspection, found to be unfit and were voluntarily surrendered :—

2 Tins Soup	8 lbs. Flour
8 Tins Tomatoes	3 lbs. Strawberry Jam
2 Tins Fruit Salad	1 lb. Butter
3 Tins Peaches	1 pkt. Marshmallows
7 Tins Meat	1 pkt. Cheeses
8 Tins Pineapples	7 Bottles Flavouring
6 Tins Baked Beans	33 pkts. Cod Steak
2 Tins Cream	25 pkts. Peas
7 Tins Peas	13 pkts. Smoked Haddock
6 Tins Pears	10 pkts. Hake Fillets
1 Tin Milk Pudding	11 pkts. Haddock
1 Tin Oranges	19 pkts. Fish Fingers
1 Tin Grapefruit	14 pkts. Plaice Fillets
1 Tin Carrots	22 pkts. Braised Beef in Gravy
1 Tin Milk	10 pkts. Beefburgers
1 Tin Beetroot	2 pkts. Salmon Fish Cakes
1 Tin Stewed Steak	5 pkts. Savoury Fish Cakes
1 Tin Broad Beans	3 pkts. Chicken Rissoles
1 Tin Rhubarb	9 pkts. Green Peas
1 Jar Pickled Beetroot	9 pkts. Sprouts
1 Jar Pickled Cabbage	7 pkts. Cod Fillets
1 Jar Jiffi Jelly	6 pkts. Haddock Fillets
4 Jars Potted Beef	5 pkts. Kipper Fillets
4 pkts. Puff Pastry	3 pkts. Mixed Vegetables
6 pkts. Chicken Pie	10 lbs. Trout
6 lbs. Lamb Chops	25 lbs. Sirloin
6 lbs. T Bone Steak	2 lbs. Sausages
4 lbs. Shoulder of Lamb	1½ lbs. Pate
½ lb. Liver	2 pints Cream
2 pkts. Rissoles	1 pkt. Faggots
1 pkt. Chips	4 Steak and Kidney Pies
3½ lbs. Danish Bacon	

### ICE CREAM PREMISES.

Fifty premises are now registered for the sale of ice cream under the Food and Drugs Act.

The following new registrations were granted during the year :—

Mr. K. J. Leonard, Dairy Shop, Crickhowell.

Mr. A. W. Rogers, Vine Tree Inn, Llangattock.

### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

#### Types of Premises.

Shops	...	...	...	...	...	40
Hotels	...	...	...	...	...	28
Cafes	...	...	...	...	...	2
Schools, Canteens and Clubs	...	...	...	...	...	10

## FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL REGULATIONS) 1960.

	No. of premises	Complying with Regulation 16	Premises to which Regulation 19 applies	Premises complying with Regulation 19
Shops	40	40	40	40
Hotels	28	28	0	0
Cafes	2	2	2	2
School Canteens & Clubs	10	10	0	0

### MILK SAMPLES — BRUCELLA ABORTUS.

Number of samples of raw milk examined	...	33
Number of Ring positive samples	...	0
No. of Animal Inoculations	...	0
No. positive	...	0

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The above Act calls for registration and inspection of all these premises where persons are employed, and the necessary registration forms are distributed, collected and copies forwarded to the Fire Authority.

The end of year registrations were as follows :—

Offices	...	7
Retail Shops	...	20
Wholesale Shops	...	0
Catering Establishments	...	6
Fuel Storage Depots	...	0
Total	...	33

## SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND KNACKER'S YARD.

There are no licensed slaughterhouses or public abattoirs within the area of this Authority.

Slaughtering occurs within the neighbouring districts where facilities are adequate for both slaughtering and inspection.

The Knacker's Yard of Mr. J. Davies, Tredegar, situated at Gilwern, has been regularly inspected and found to be efficiently and hygienically operated with full records maintained.

## 6. SURVEYS AND INSPECTIONS

The following is a summary of the inspections carried out during the year 1969 :—

Detailed House Inspections	...	468
Public Health Acts	...	586
Food	...	9
Factories	...	27
Complaints Investigated	...	105
Scavenging Investigations	...	36
Drainage Investigations	...	66
Water Supply Investigations	...	19



## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

Housing conditions continue to improve with the installation of modern amenities to old houses with the aid of improvement grants.

In the twelve months covered by this report twenty-seven improvement grants were approved, being fourteen Discretionary Grants and seven Standard Grants.

Standard Grants were introduced in 1959, and the following is a comparison of grants approved over the past fifteen years.

		Discretionary Grants	Standard Grants	Total
1953	...	1	0	1
1954	...	12	0	12
1955	...	21	0	21
1956	...	13	0	13
1957	...	15	0	15
1958	...	14	0	14
1959	...	19	2	21
1960	...	13	1	14
1961	...	15	5	20
1962	...	14	13	27
1963	...	16	7	23
1964	...	14	6	20
1965	...	8	22	30
1966	...	19	12	31
1967	...	19	11	30
1968	...	14	7	21
1969	...	19	8	27

## PLANNING AND BYELAW APPLICATIONS

For the twelve months ending 31st December, 1969, the following applications were made :—

186 Applications for Planning Approval.

167 Applications for Building Regulations.

### Notices Served.

Informal — Served 7, Complied with 7.

Statutory — Served 0, Complied with 0.

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

### Prescribed Particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises 1	Number on Register 2	Number of Inspections 3	No. of Written Notices 4	Occupiers Prosecuted 5
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 are enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	2	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	18	25	1	0
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises) ...	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b> ...	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are found at the premises on two, three or more occasions they should be reckoned as two, three, or more cases).

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S1) ...	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S2) ...	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S3) ...	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation (S4) ...	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6) ...	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) Insufficient ...	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable/defective ...	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b> ...	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

There was no out-work done in the district during the year.





